



# Speccy Tour 2000

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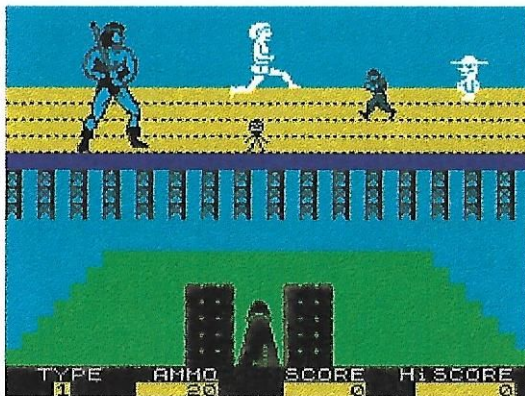
## Speccy Tour 2000

I had my doubts when I started the Speccy Tour 2000 whether it would become a success or not. But with a total of 30 people who registered to take part in the tour, out of which 14 submitted scores, and then out of those 14 players, 12 players qualified for the final leaderboard as they submitted a score to all 10 games. I think that's quite successful if you consider how little the Speccy community is.

I know there are things to be changed for the next tour. One of the biggest mistakes I made in ST2000 was that I made it too difficult for people not taking part in the Tour to follow it. I realised that when there were just a few months left of the Tour. In the ST2001 I'll tell people about all the scores made during a week, by putting them online at the DID website along with the weekly updates.

I've also realised that the scoring system must be changed, but more about that in the 'Next year's Tour' column on page 6.

But besides that I think that the ST2000 was great. I really enjoyed it, even though I must admit I wish I was some kind of programming genius so that I could make a program to do all the calculating for me, so that the leaderboard set it up by itself. You don't hear me complain, but try and imagine if 100 players were taking part :-)



I did in my own way try to take part in the Tour myself by playing the games and then writing down my scores to compare them to the player's scores. But I quit that idea quite fast. I don't know if it was because I was too busy with the Tour, my Fanzine and my Website, or if it was because I realised that I couldn't compete with the players in the tour. Probably the last

one. I think you'll agree that all the top scores are great.

There are probably some people out there saying that the Tour is rubbish because the players can cheat. But I'm 100 percent sure no one cheated. But still, I would really love to see a Spectrum emulator capable of recording games so that it is impossible to cheat. Until then I'll put my trust in people not to cheat. I can't see any point in cheating in something like the ST, as there isn't any prize to be won, and where's the fun if you don't use the Tour to improve your playing abilities.

Well, it was a huge pleasure to run the Tour, the only downer was that I couldn't take part myself. But as I've said earlier, I probably wouldn't have had a chance of winning.

My future plan is that I also want to run some kind of Knockout tournament, but that won't be before 2002 I think. Bitz, the winner of the tour also gave me a good idea for another challenge that doesn't take too long to set up and run. I might do that one as well. So you see, there are a lot of things to look forward to if you enjoy playing Speccy games.

On the next pages you'll find the Final Leaderboard where you can see how many points each players got in the end. Then there's my idea about the ST2001, as I believe we need some changes. A presentation of the 10 games that we played in ST2000, together with the top 5 highscore table to each of them. Then after that a presentation of the top 10 players, where 9 of them were kind enough to answer some questions I gave them. Go, take a look. All the facts and other interesting stuff in the following pages.

Let me end by thanking everyone who took part in the ST2000. Not only for taking part, but also because you've all helped me a lot during the six months. I'm sure if we co-operate in the ST2001 we can make it just as much fun, and who knows, maybe one day there'll be 30 active players taking part. Now if someone please, would make that Emulator I've requested for so long. The one that can record Speccy games, you know. Thank you and enjoy the next pages.

## Final Leaderboard

Below you'll find the final Leaderboard, which includes all 12 players who submitted a score to all 10 games and thereby qualified to be on it. Take a closer look at the 2 players at the bottom, Mike Beal and Alan Maxwell. The exact same number of points and therefore it was decided that Mike would end up number 11 because his best position in a games highscore table was a ninth place, while Alan's best position was a tenth place. Bad luck.

Out of the 12 players, only 4 had the glory to be in the lead over the 6 months. Derek Jolly took the lead after the first week, before Tomaz Cedilnik stayed on top for 15 weeks. Then Tomaz went on a holiday in England and Arlansky took the leading position for 2 weeks, before Tomaz returned and stayed on top for another 8 weeks before Bitz took the top spot in the very last week.

No.	Player	Leaderboard Points
1.	Bitz	715
2.	Tomaz Cedilnik	614
3.	Paul French	607
4.	Arlansky	506
5.	Aleksandar Lukic	453
6.	Derek Jolly	325
7.	Peter Bibbings	272
8.	Daithi O'Cuinn	255
9.	Matthew Clemson	202
10.	Jim Grimwood	195
11.	Mike Beale	67
12.	Alan Maxwell	67

## Next year's Tour

Well, I plan changes for the ST2001. First of all it will be the players who'll decide which games to take part in the tour by voting. I'll choose a bunch of games and put them into 8 categories. We'll then use the Forum on DID the Website and discuss if there are any of the games that will cause problems like Pippo, so that we can eliminate those games before the final voting. The winner of each category plus the two best second placed games will then take part in the ST2001.

I've also decided to cut down the Tour from 6 to 4 months. I don't know yet, when the ST2001 will start as I have to see how well the discussion and the voting process goes.

I also have plans to change the scoring system. Let me say right away that there's no doubt that Bitz deserved his win, but it was a bit tragic to see Tomaz Cedilnik slip to second place in the last week after staying top in 23 out of 27 weeks. Tomaz was once again on holiday in England and didn't get back before the Tour was over, so he couldn't defend his top position. However, it might have been that he wasn't capable of beating those great scores coming in from Bitz and would have ended up second anyway. But still, I feel I need to change the scoring process. So, I sat back and gave it a thought and I came up with this idea. We'll continue the percentage system which we used in ST2000, but after each week we then award the top 10 players on the leaderboard with 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2 and 1 point(s). Then out of those given points the Final Leaderboard is made. This means that if we had used that system in ST2000, Tomaz would have scored 266 points and would have been a superior winner. The main reason why I want to make this change is that this forced the players to be active all the way through the Tour, which is one of the reasons why I want to cut down the tour to 4 months. Another good thing about this method is that it forces players to send me their scores right away, and not keep them, and send them to me when they are a few weeks or months old. What do you think?

## 3D Tanx - DK'Tronics

A game that seemed to cause trouble to a lot of players. I think it might have something to do with the slowness of the game. That's probably also why some of the players choose to name it as the worst game in the Tour. I have to admit that I don't like the game either, but I think it was the best choice I could make from 1982 without having to select an arcade clone game like Pacman, Invader, Galaxians and so on. Let's face it, there wasn't much else back then.

1.	<b>Aleksandar Lukic</b>	<b>53.400</b>
2.	Tomaz Cedilnik	52.500
3.	Derek Jolly	28.500
4.	Matthew Clemson & Bitz	17.300
5.	Arlansky	16.000

## Jumping Jack - Imagine

Now this is a classic on the Spectrum and I was never in any doubt that this game had to be in the first Speccy Tour. We did get into a vote about point leeching in this game, but even though that people voted that it should be allowed to point leech, no one did.

This game will always have a place in my heart, and I'm very impressed with the scores entered for it. My personal best is 2.455 points, which would have given me lously 29 points.

1.	<b>Tomaz Cedilnik</b>	<b>8.365</b>
2.	Bitz	8.130
3.	Arlansky	6.045
4.	Paul French	5.525
5.	Jim Grimwood	4.830

## Daley Thompson's Decathlon - Ocean

There just couldn't be a Tour without a Sports game, and as this one is one of my personal favourites, it just had to be on the list of games for the Tour.

If you think the scores below aren't that impressive, then remember that we only played all events once, meaning that the snapshot was made when the second 100m run came up, no matter how many men the player had left.

1.	<b>Bitz</b>	<b>97.897</b>
2.	Tomaz Cedilnik	84.336
3.	Paul French	80.772
4.	Aleksandar Lukic	77.594
5.	Peter Bibbings	75.943

## Bounty Bob Strikes Back - U.S. Gold

This game also caused some trouble as players reported back to me that the scoring flipped back to 0 when it reached 100.000. Therefore, we had to make new rules for how and where to make the snapshots.

Topscorer, Aleksandar, sent me a lot of screen files for the various levels, which was very nice. I have to say that most of those high levels, look quite hard and confusing.

1.	<b>Aleksandar Lukic</b>	<b>395.590</b>
2.	Bitz	233.370
3.	Paul French	149.790
4.	Arlansky	105.450
5.	Jim Grimwood	100.540



## Green Beret - Imagine

This game came in when the Tour was 13 days old. Reason, we replaced Pippo from Mastertronic after voting, as Jim Grimwood found out that you could play forever staying on the starting field. Therefore we voted whether Pippo should be replaced or not, and I gave the players 5 other games to choose from in case the vote would go against Pippo, which it did.

Green Beret was the only game to replace one of the former games.

1.	<b>Bitz</b>	<b>274.550</b>
2.	Paul French	203.500
3.	Peter Bibbings	151.950
4.	Arlansky	110.800
5.	Aleksandar Lukic	94.050

## Barbarian 1 - Palace Software

In my opinion, Barbarian and Chase H.Q. are the worst games in the Tour, but I felt that I had to choose a fighting and a racing game, and I believe I made the right choices.

Third in this game is Nathan Cross, who didn't qualify for the final leaderboard as he didn't submit scores to all 10 games. Who knows, how high he could have ended on the leaderboard, with those Barbarian qualities.

1.	<b>Arlansky</b>	<b>26.950</b>
2.	Tomaz Cedilnik	24.600
3.	Nathan Cross	19.000
4.	Derek Jolly	18.650
5.	Paul French	16.400

## Flying Shark - Firebird

Funny. Once again one of my favourites. That's probably normal that I picked some of my own favourite games for the Tour as I already knew them and therefore didn't have to check out some games I didn't know that well. I find Bitz and Paul's scores incredible.

For those of you who think this game is hard, you should try the arcade version, which is much harder.

1.	<b>Bitz</b>	<b>587.780</b>
2.	Paul French	400.890
3.	Arlansky	278.710
4.	Daithi O'Cuinn	116.230
5.	Derek Jolly	110.790

## Speedboat Assassins - Mastertronic

Probably the most unknown game of the Tour. Most of the players had never heard of it, or played it before, and I have to admit that I did that on purpose, as I wanted a game in the Tour that wasn't as well known as games like Barbarian, Jumping Jack, Chase H.Q. and Flying Shark. I think I succeeded.

Most of the players did however enjoy the game, after finding out how to collect extra ammo from the Helicopter. Right Jim?

1.	<b>Bitz</b>	<b>60.910</b>
2.	Tomaz Cedilnik	52.850
3.	Arlansky	30.920
4.	Paul French	29.000
5.	Jim Grimwood	21.670

## Chase H.Q. 1 - Ocean

Well, I had to choose a racing game, and I think that I made the right choice with this game. It was only allowed to play with 1 credit, and Paul French completed the game on that one credit. That was a very impressive moment for me to get that snapshot.

As said before, I don't like this game, I'm not much into racing games, but the differences between this and other racing games, made it the obviously choice for the first Speccy Tour in that category.

1.	<b>Paul French</b>	<b>16.561.518</b>
2.	Daithi O'Cuinn	13.294.230
3.	Tomaz Cedilnik	9.855.219
4.	Derek Jolly	8.286.267
5.	Arlansky	7.181.148

## Stack Up - Zeppelin

No first Tour without a Tetris game. Stack Up is my favourite Tetris game on all formats, therefore it was an easy choice.

My personal best in this game is 307.400 and it took me many years to get that score. Hats off for Bitz and his incredible highscore in this game.

Next year, I think I'll replace the Tetris game, with a Breakout game, that would be fun.

1.	<b>Bitz</b>	<b>610.200</b>
2.	Paul French	227.000
3.	Tomaz Cedilnik	219.300
4.	Arlansky	160.500
5.	Daithi O'Cuinn	125.700

## The Winner: Bitz aka David Raven

**Country:** England

**Age:** 32

**Hobbies:** My family, football, retrogaming, writing music and reading.

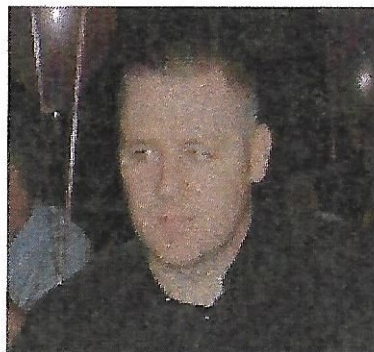
**Leaderboard Points:** 715

**Highscore in:** D.T. Decathlon, Green Beret, Flying Shark, Speedboat Assassins & Stack Up.

**Best Game in Tour:** All had different merits, but the one I enjoyed most was Stack Up.

**Worst Game in Tour:** The game least enjoyed was Barbarian.

**Comments on Tour:** The tour was a great idea and well thought out, and you deserve a pat on the back for that. The consistent competitors really contributed to making it worthwhile. I can't wait for the next one.



### Bitz' scores to win the Speccy Tour 2000:

<b>3D Tanx</b>	<b>No. 4</b>	<b>17.300</b>
<b>Jumping Jack</b>	<b>No. 2</b>	<b>8.130</b>
<b>Daley Thompson's Decathlon</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	<b>97.897</b>
<b>Bounty Bob Strikes Back</b>	<b>No. 2</b>	<b>233.370</b>
<b>Green Beret</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	<b>274.550</b>
<b>Barbarian</b>	<b>No. 9</b>	<b>3.900</b>
<b>Flying Shark</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	<b>587.780</b>
<b>Speedboat Assassins</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	<b>60.910</b>
<b>Chase H.Q.</b>	<b>No. 8</b>	<b>2.117.824</b>
<b>Stack Up</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	<b>610.200</b>

## No. 2

**Name:** Tomaz Cedilnik      **Country:** Slovenia      **Age:** 27  
**Hobbies:** Spectrum, TeXaching, programming and reading.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 614  
**Highscore in:** Jumping Jack  
**Best Game in Tour:** Speedboat Assassins and Chase H.Q.  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Green Beret and Barbarian.  
**Comments on Tour:** I liked the idea very much immediately. You did a very good job.

## No. 3

**Name:** Paul French      **Country:** U.K.      **Age:** 25  
**Hobbies:** Model Making and Origami.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 607  
**Highscore in:** Chase H.Q.  
**Best Game in Tour:** Chase H.Q.  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Tanx  
**Comments on Tour:** Out of the 10 original games I had only played three of them, so the Tour has introduced me to some new games that I may never have played. Some were good, some were not so good.

## No. 4

**Name:** Arlansky      **Country:** Italy      **Age:** 23  
**Hobbies:** Listening to music, reading books and of course playing spectrum games!  
**Leaderboard Points:** 506  
**Highscore in:** Barbarian  
**Best Game in Tour:** Jumping Jack  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Tanx  
**Comments on Tour:** Speccy Tour 2000: better than a kick in the teeth!

## No. 5

**Name:** Aleksandar Lukic    **Country:** Serbia    **Age:** 32  
**Hobbies:** Cycling (mountain & along river Danube), beach volly & retrogaming.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 453  
**Highscore in:** Tanx & Bounty Bob Strikes Back.  
**Best Game in Tour:** Chase H.Q.  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Barbarian (by playability), Green Beret (game with point-leeching possibility in every moment).  
**Comments on Tour:** I'll take part next year! To avoid problems, games must be "filtered" before poll. All in all, for the first time - it was g-r-e-a-t event.

## No. 6

**Name:** Derek Jolly    **Country:** U.K.    **Age:** 28  
**Hobbies:** Playing PC/console/Specy games, going to the pub.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 325  
**Highscore in:** None  
**Best Game in Tour:** Green Beret  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Jumping Jack (just because I'm useless at it).  
**Comments on Tour:** An excellent idea and good fun. I'll definitely enter next year.

## No. 7

**Name:** Peter Bibbings    **Country:**    **Age:**  
**Hobbies:**  
**Leaderboard Points:** 272  
**Highscore in:** None

*Editor: Peter did not answer my E-mail with these follow up questions. A bit sad as everyone else did. Let me take this opportunity to thank the rest of you who did. Thank you.*

## No. 8

**Name:** Daithi O'Cuinn      **Country:** Ireland      **Age:** 24  
**Hobbies:** Internet, reading, programming, cinema & drinking.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 255  
**Highscore in:** None  
**Best Game in Tour:** Chase H.Q.  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Jumping Jack (I found this soooo frustrating).  
**Comments on Tour:** Excellent organisation and a great idea. Unfortunately I did not have as much time as I hoped to play the games to improve my scores, but I will take part in the next one and hopefully do better!

## No. 9

**Name:** Matthew Clemson      **Country:** U.K.      **Age:** 21  
**Hobbies:** Games of all sorts, not just on computers & origami.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 202  
**Highscore in:** None  
**Best Game in Tour:** Jumping Jack  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Barbarian  
**Comments on Tour:** A brilliant idea, and a lot of fun; but next year, can we have some \*even more\* obscure games?

## No. 10

**Name:** Jim Grimwood      **Country:** England      **Age:** 45  
**Hobbies:** Walking, cycling, Spectrum memorabilia collecting.  
**Leaderboard Points:** 195  
**Highscore in:** None  
**Best Game in Tour:** Bounty Bob Strikes Back  
**Worst Game in Tour:** Tanx  
**Comments on Tour:** I enjoyed trying out games which I'd never played and finding that I even liked some of them, although there weren't enough of the ten which I really enjoyed.

See you all in the next  
Specy Tour. Bye